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Disposal of Plastic Waste
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of arrangements made by the Government for disposal of plastic waste in cities; and
(b) the number of plants set up for this purpose and the number of plants proposed to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) The Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 provides that Municipal authorities shall encourage the use of plastic waste by adopting suitable technology such as road construction, co-incineration, etc. for plastic waste disposal. As per the rules, State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committee (PCCs) are responsible for enforcement of provisions of the abovementioned rules in respect of authorization, manufacture, registration, recycling and disposal of plastic waste. The Municipal Authority is responsible for enforcement of provisions relating to use, collection, segregation, transportation and disposal of post consumed plastic waste in its jurisdiction.

(b) The Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 make it mandatory for manufacturers and recyclers of plastic carry bags to obtain authorisation from SPCBs/PCCs. There are 6172 authorised recyclers and manufactures of plastic carry bags / multilayered packaging in the Country. The Government does not maintain any data on statistics on the facilities set up for disposal of plastic wastes in the city.

To implement the above said rules more effectively and to give thrust on plastic waste minimization, source segregation, recycling, Ministry has published revised draft Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2015 inviting suggestions or objections from public. The suggestions and objections received were examined by a Working Group constituted by the Ministry. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group, the rules have been finalized.
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